

the first thing I saw

In the face of poor men who life's comforts lack;
^{his day is here}
 As his ^{own} ~~house~~ ^{to} enjoy what he has reached
 By means of penitence. "The word is ^{first} ~~first~~
 Lord Lazarus to my brother, ^{look upon me} ~~look upon me~~
 Come to this place of ^{loving} ~~loving~~
 Their life, as I ^{will} ~~will~~
 Have done as I have done!"

"~~My condemnation~~ ^{They know he has} ~~They know he has~~
 The prophets' word ^{should} ~~should ^{be} ~~be ^{draw} ~~draw
 They ^{have} ~~have~~ ^{seen} ~~seen ^{the} ~~the ^{word} ~~word ^{and} ~~and ^{day} ~~day ^{gone} ~~gone
^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{dead} ~~dead ^{all} ~~all ^{place} ~~place ^{affright} ~~affright
 And ^{they} ~~they~~ ^{would} ~~would ^{not} ~~not ^{hear} ~~hear!"~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Not so, my Lord;
 Who hears not Moses, he would not be won
 Though one rose from the dead! (^{But many} ~~But many~~
 Had ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{dead} ~~dead ^{men} ~~men~~ ^{and} ~~and ^{many} ~~many ^{of} ~~of ^{the} ~~the ^{same} ~~same ^{kind} ~~kind~~
 And did the people heed? Not they; their eyes~~~~~~~~~~~~

Refused to ^{see} ~~see~~ ^{that} ~~that ^{the} ~~the ^{dead} ~~dead ^{did} ~~did ^{see} ~~see~~
 At Christ, his bidding. "This ^{is} ~~is ^a ~~a ^{man} ~~man ^{and} ~~and ^{not} ~~not ^{God} ~~God
 Discern ye ^{his} ~~his ^{signs} ~~signs ^{and} ~~and ^{his} ~~his ^{precepts} ~~precepts ^{truly} ~~truly~~
^{that} ~~that~~ ^{ye} ~~ye ^{may} ~~may ^{know} ~~know ^{that} ~~that ^{he} ~~he ^{is} ~~is ^{God} ~~God~~

wealth hath he? Not for him the hoard is lent;
 Let him no ^{gold} ~~gold~~ ^{and} ~~and ^{jewels} ~~jewels ^{ere} ~~ere ^{wealth} ~~wealth ^{be} ~~be ^{spent} ~~spent~~;
 Succumb to ^{many} ~~many ^{ills} ~~ills ^{oppress} ~~oppress ^{ed} ~~ed;
 Let him trust ^{God} ~~God~~ ^{and} ~~and ^{his} ~~his ^{will} ~~will ^{shall} ~~shall ^{be} ~~be ^{redress} ~~redress ^{ed} ~~ed~~.~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Please it be ^{his} ~~his ^{will} ~~will ^{that} ~~that ^{he} ~~he ^{shall} ~~shall ^{be} ~~be ^{rich} ~~rich ^{and} ~~and ^{happy} ~~happy ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{his} ~~his ^{life} ~~life ^{and} ~~and ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{his} ~~his ^{eternity} ~~eternity~~
 Not to the ^{rich} ~~rich ^{and} ~~and ^{happy} ~~happy ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{his} ~~his ^{life} ~~life ^{and} ~~and ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{his} ~~his ^{eternity} ~~eternity~~
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Increase our faith

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 His thousands followers; ^{the Lord beheld} ^{solitary, saw paper} ^{scribbles, the} ^{fast} ^{behold}
 Their souls as seeds swept up & down the line
 By the currents' flow & the breeze blowing off the land;
 Stability was not in them, they were dead.
 For all their love, they could not hold to Him;
 Increase their faith? Alack, what faith had they?
 How could they, they'd yielded him to the dead!

Know ye then what ye ask for? There's a force
 Strong to move mountains, shift your sturdy trees,
 Blow roots spread wide & hold ^{the earth} ^{up} ^{up}
 And steadfast plant ^{in the mountains} ^{the sea}
 Removed by the ^{heavy} ^{waters} that is faith.
 The power of ask for as a child might cry
 To hold the moon in his ^{little} ^{arms}, all unawed.
 How great the answer, how small a thing is he! Would man
 Cried to the world, as being it - a turned beast.
 To the manage of its lord? ^{the} ^{Lord} ^{has} ^{but} ^{faith}
 A little faith, ^{by} ^{himself} ^{enough} ^{the} ^{thing} ^{is} ^{done}
 Not - stubborn hearts of men, not devil's wit,
 Not - Nature's forces gathered to a head.
 Not all of these in strong alliance bound,
 Are able to resist a man who prays
 To be believed in God: for you, the answer,
 & show ⁱⁿ ^{attendance} ^{with} ^{Almighty} ^{God}

In do the things ye would - the works of God!
 All have ye yet for service - that is much;
 In the conditions under which ye serve
 Lacking the freedom of adoring faith:
 Your servants - ploughs for you or keeps your sheep;
 Patients to tend at the day's end. That - say
 Ye to the man, 'Sit down, let me eat - my friend?'
 Or rather, say ye not, 'Prepare my meal, &
 Make yourself meat & serve me; after that
 When I have eaten, 'tis your turn to sit
 And eat what is left over!'

Then do ye,
 Who think to keep the land at every point -
 And leave your God your debtor, what to him
 Taskmaster's service every while fulfill ye?
 A man must do his duty, as one can more;
 Thought bring ye to your lord, ashamed ye cry,
 'Unprofitable slaves, we do but that
 We must for 'tis our duty!'

Thought have ye,
 Toiling all day, serving all night, toiling
 In the Father who loves you well: add but - faith -
 The child's regard fixed on the Father's face
 With the confidence of love, ^{and} your work
 Your labours manifest, or ^{well} fulfilled,
 And God receives them as a Father takes
 His little child's first gift made by his hands;
 And God becomes your Debtor.